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Title: PAYMENT RELEASE SYSTEM

**STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

More than 29 months have passed since the filing of the above-identified patent application on September 5, 2003. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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